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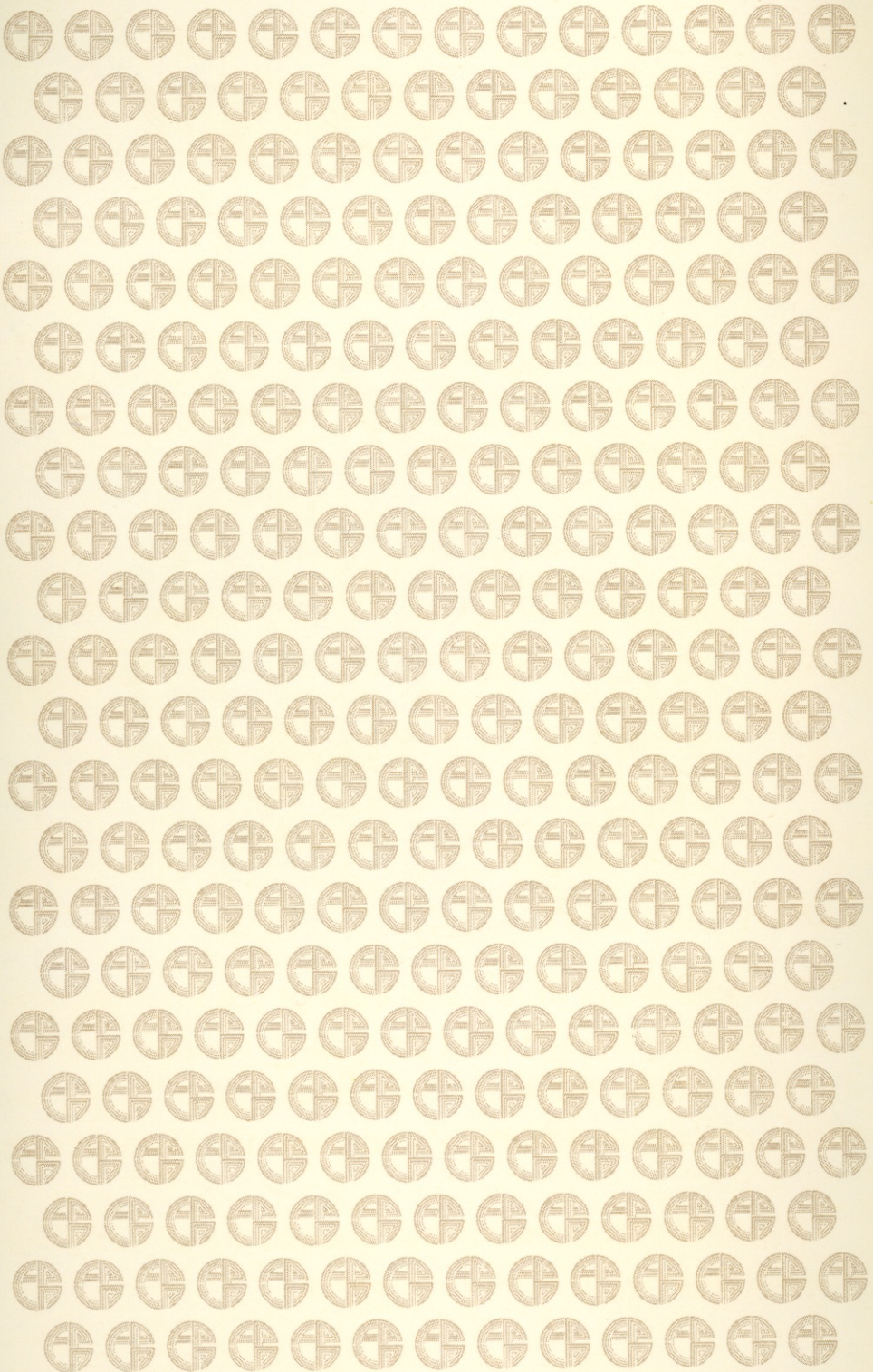

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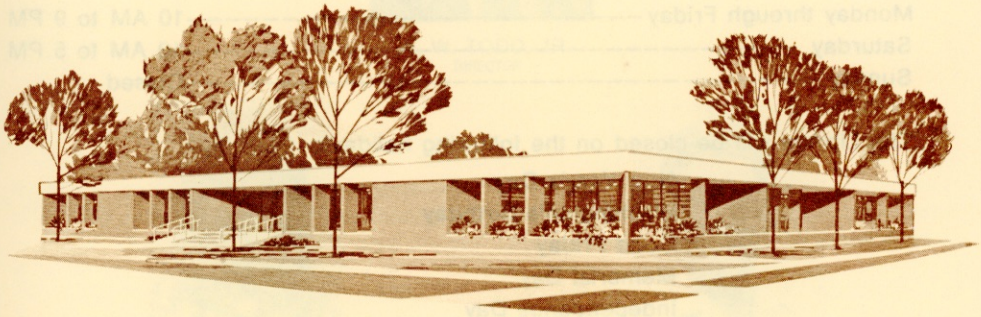
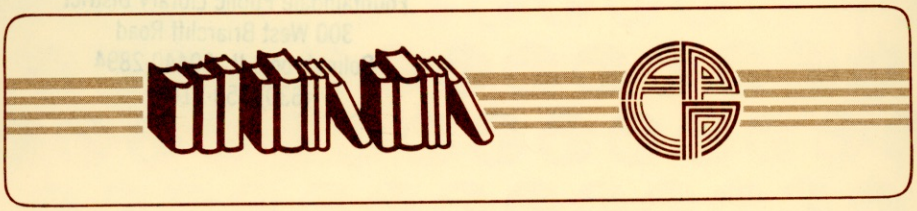


YOUR LIBRARY. . . .

The goal of the Board and Staff of the Fountaindale Public Library District is to provide all residents of the district with the most efficient, timely, and courteous library service in a friendly and pleasant atmosphere.

The services outlined in this booklet are all designed to work together to achieve this goal.



GENERAL INFORMATION

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Bolingbrook ——————————300 West Briarcliff Road
Telephone: 759-2102

Romeoville ——————————201 Normantown Road
Telephone: 886-2030

HOURS

Monday through Friday ——————————10 AM to 9 PM
Saturday ——————————10 AM to 5 PM
Sunday ——————————Closed

The Library will be closed on the following holidays:

New Year's Day
Washington's Birthday
Good Friday
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

BORROWING LIMITS

Films ——————————1 day
8 mm Projectors ——————————1 day
Records & Cassettes ——————————1 week
Magazines ——————————1 week
Cassette Players ——————————1 week
Books ——————————3 weeks
Art Prints & Sculpture ——————————6 weeks

OVERDUE FINES

Books, Magazines, Cassettes and Records ——————————5¢ per day
Films ——————————50¢ per day
Projectors, Cassette Players, Art prints & Sculpture ——————————$1.00 per day

"The reading of all good books is like conversation with the finest men of past centuries."

DESCRATES

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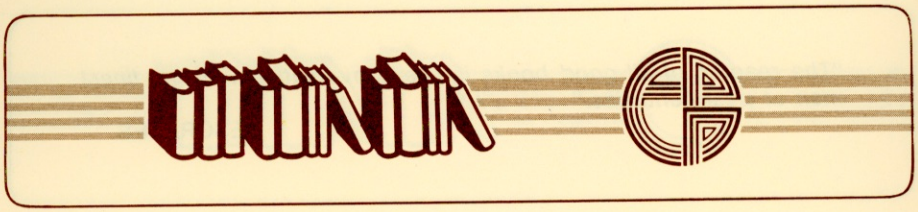


BOOKS

The Fountaindale book collection is divided into 5 broad categories:

1. **Adult Fiction**
2. **Adult Non-Fiction**
3. **Juvenile Fiction**
4. **Juvenile Non-Fiction**
5. **Reference**

Adult Fiction books are placed on the shelves in alphabetical order by the AUTHOR'S last name. Books by the same author are in alphabetical order by title within the grouping of books by a single author. Also, Science Fiction books are specifically denoted by a label "SF" on the spine of the book as are mysteries and detective stories with a label "M". Large print books are also labeled on the spine of each book.

Juvenile Fiction books are placed on the shelves in the same manner as the adult fiction collection---alphabetically by author and alphabetically by title within author. Picture and easy reading books are considered juvenile fiction, but are shelved separately. To assist in locating these books a colored label is placed on the spine of each book. The color code guide is displayed in the children's area of the library.

Non-Fiction and reference collections are arranged according to the DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION. In this classification all knowledge is divided into 10 major areas, each having a general classification number as follows:

000-099	General Works	Encyclopedias, bibliographies
100-199	Philosophy	Psychology, ethics, occult, supernatural
200-299	Religion	Christian and non-Christian beliefs and doctrines, mythology
300-399	Social Sciences	Government, economics, law, education, folklore
400-499	Language	Dictionaries, grammar

"A library is a live depository of the cultural past and sustainer of the intellectual activity that anticipates the future."
RALPH W. CONANT

BOOKS

500-599	Science	Mathematics, chemistry, physics, astronomy
600-699	Useful Arts and Applied Sciences	Medicine, engineering, home economics, home repair, building trades, business
700-799	Fine Arts	Art, music, antiques, crafts, sports, recreation
800-899	Literature	Poetry, drama, wit and humor, speeches
900-999	History	Geography and history of all nations and ages, travel, biographies

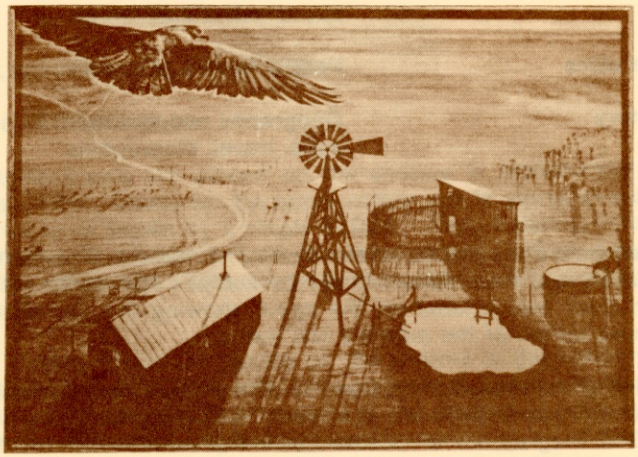
Non-Fiction books are placed on the shelves in numerical sequence according to the classification and then alphabetically by author's last name within the same number. Each book has a label on the spine showing the classification number and the first three letters of the author's last name.

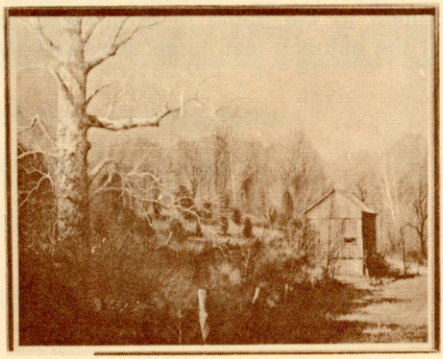
Biographies of individuals are placed on the shelves alphabetically by the last name of the person whom the book is about. Each biography has a label on the spine with a "B". Biographies are located in a separate section of the library.

Reference books are also located in a separate section of the library. The reference books in this special reference area may be used only within the Library. They are placed on the shelves in numerical sequence, alphabetically by author's last name within the same number. In addition to the spine label showing the classification number and the first 3 letters of the author's last name there will also be a special designation "R".

ART PRINTS AND SCULPTURE

The Bur-Oak System maintains a stock of framed art prints and pieces of sculpture for loan to card holders. The library keeps a small supply on hand for ready lending and has a slide catalog of all prints available in the System. The borrower is invited to screen the slide catalog and choose the prints desired. Art Prints and Sculpture are available to borrowers for a period of 6 weeks each, but are limited to two per card holder.



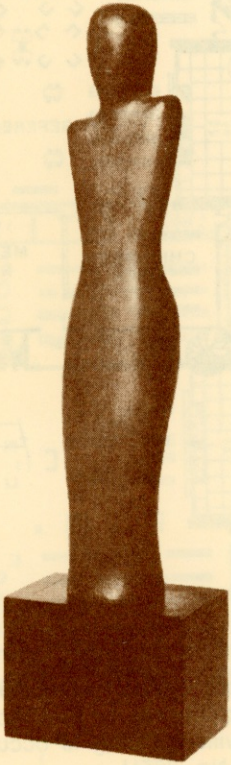


"Art does not reproduce the visible, rather, it makes visible."
PAUL KLEE

ART PRINTS AND SCULPTURE

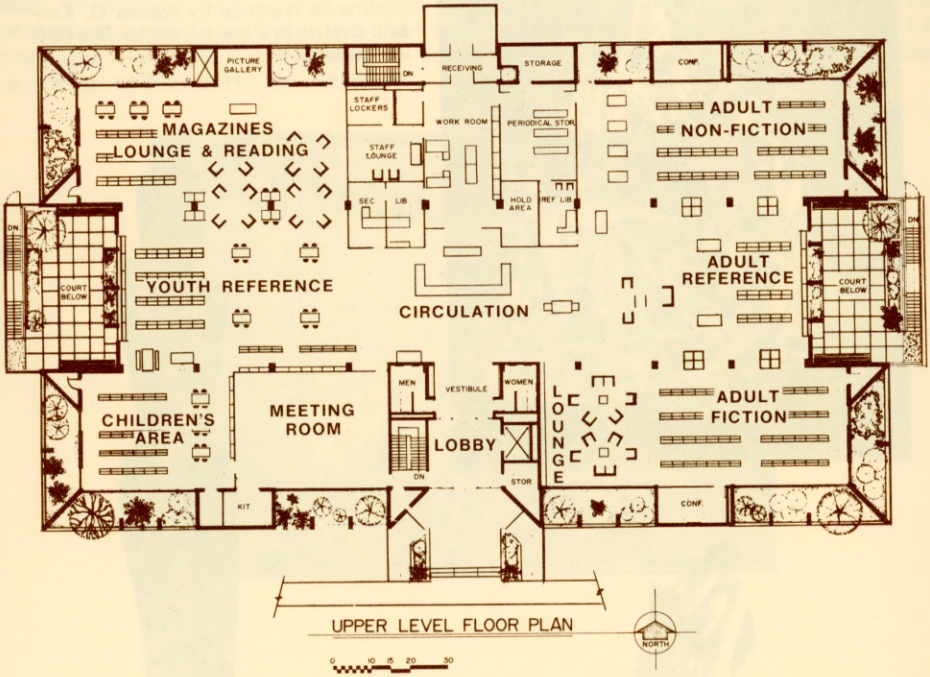
PIETA
After Michelangelo (1475-1564). Exact small scale rendition by Joanna G. Kendall. Replica in a special, marble-like casting material.
ST-300 11½"

THE MOST FAMOUS HANDS IN THE HISTORY OF ART
By Albrecht Durer (German 1471-1528) transposed into the medium of sculpture by Helen Liedloff (American contemporary). Greenish bronze patine.
AD-1 10¾"



TORSO
Reproduced in wood.
L-203 20"

FLOOR PLANS - ROMEOVILLE



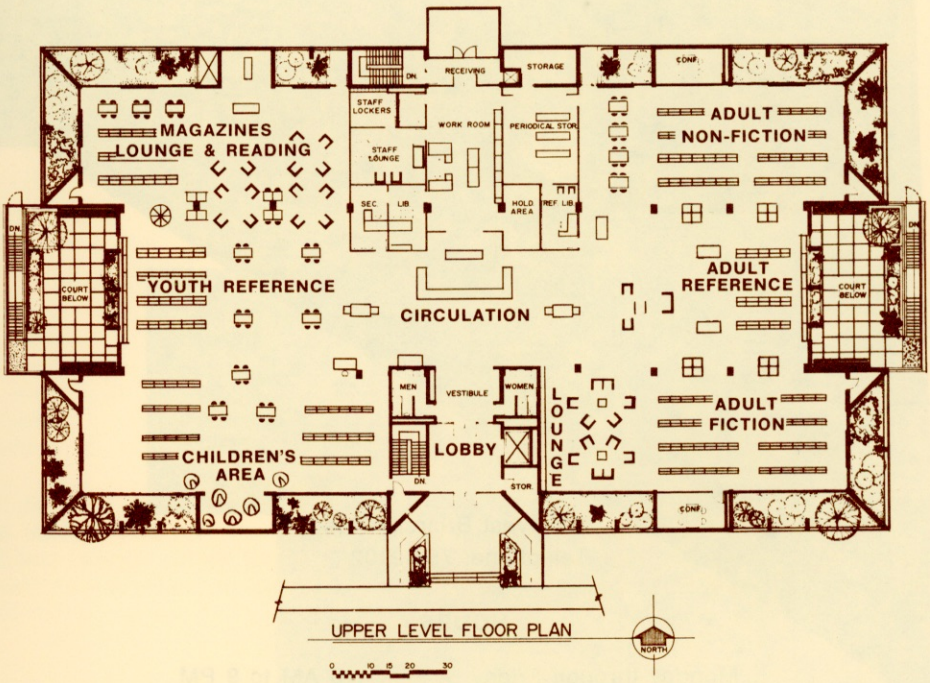
Floor plan of main floor of Romeoville building showing location of various library departments and facilities as well as public meeting room. Lower level of Romeoville building is occupied by Administrative Offices of Valley View School District No. 365U.

"He that revels in a well-chosen library, has innumerable dishes, and all of admirable flavor."

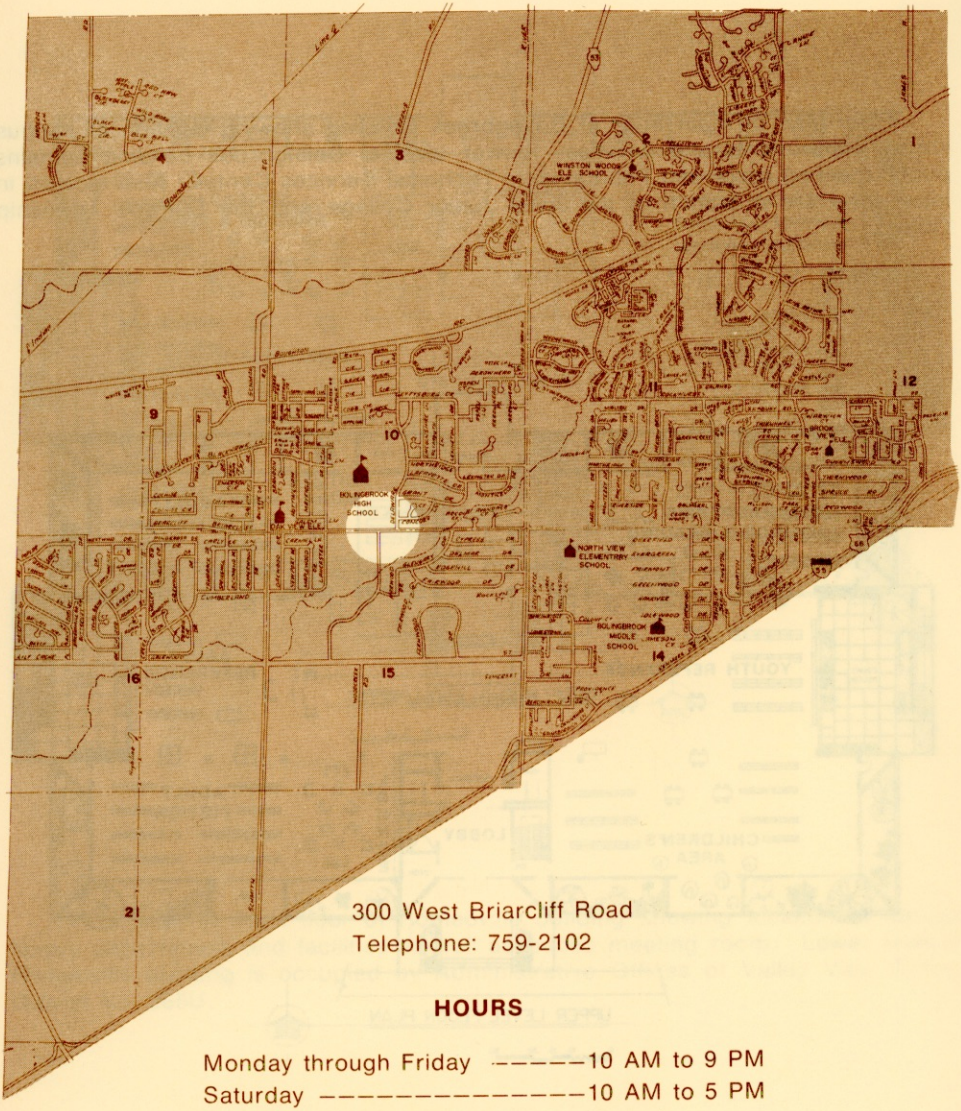
WILLIAM GODWIN

FLOOR PLANS - BOLINGBROOK

Floor plan of main floor of Bolingbrook building showing location of various library departments and facilities. Lower level of Bolingbrook building contains public meeting room and Fountaindale Technical Services Center. Also located in lower level are a branch of the Joliet Junior College and the DuPage Township Offices.



LOCATION - BOLINGBROOK



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"A library is a landmark of civilization, a monument to the people's desire to learn. Whether the place looks monumental or not really doesn't matter. A library is a service organization, not a building."

CHANGING TIMES

LOCATION - ROMEOVILLE

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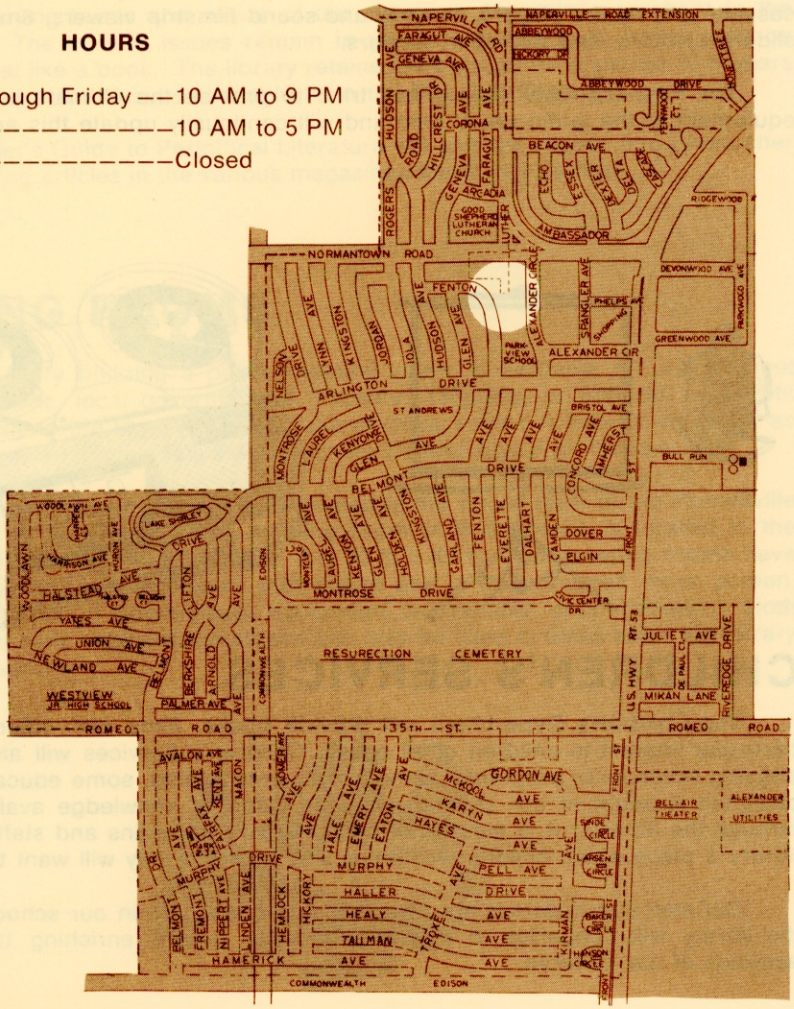
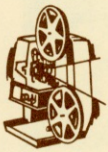


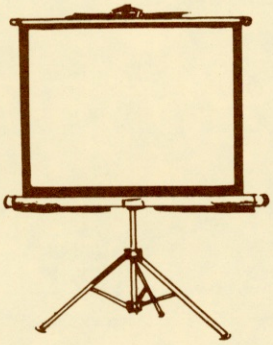
SIGHT AND SOUND

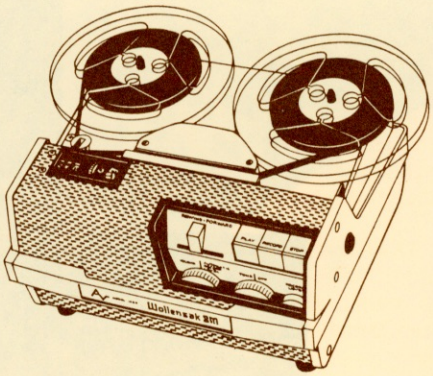
An extensive collection of cassettes, records, 8mm and 16mm films is available for card holders' use both within the library and for borrowing. In addition there are 8mm film projectors and portable cassette players available to patrons for use in the library or in your home or office.

Within the library are several pieces of equipment for your use. These include cassette and record players, filmstrip and sound filmstrip viewers, 8mm, 16mm and slide projectors, and microfilm readers.

The Foundtaindale Library has tried to provide the ultimate in material and equipment in the audio-visual field and will continually update this area.







CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Children's Department will provide books, films and other materials of particular interest to children of all ages. Children's Services will also include an ongoing schedule of programs, some simply entertaining, some educational, but all designed to acquaint our children with the world of knowledge available to them through the library. It is the aim of our children's librarians and staff to make the library a place which children will enjoy and to which they will want to come.

Our staff and materials are available to the teachers in our school system and the library will cooperate in any way possible toward enriching the classroom activities of our children.

"To desire to have many books, and never use them, is like a child that will have a candle burning by him all the while he is sleeping."

HENRY PEACHAM

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES

The Fountaindale Library Subscribes to various local and national newspapers. These papers are available in the reading area. Back issues of newspapers are not retained beyond a one week period. However, certain newspaper material will be maintained for ready-reference.

The magazine collection of the Fountaindale Library is extensive in an effort to meet the varying tastes and needs of our patrons. Magazines are kept in the reading area. The current issues remain in the library, but back issues may be charged out just like a book. The library retains back issues for a period of 5 years with articles from older issues available from the Bur-Oak System.

The Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature will give the reader and researcher the key to finding articles in the various magazines the library carries.

MEETING ROOMS

In each library building a public meeting room is available for use without charge to any civic, local governmental, fraternal, religious, or political, non-profit group based within the library district. Use of these rooms is subject to policy as established by the Fountaindale Public Library District Board of Trustees.

The Meeting room in Romeoville is located in the upper level of the Romeoville building. It is 30 ft. x 40 ft. The meeting room in Bolingbrook is located in the lower level of the Bolingbrook building. It is 30 ft. x 60 ft. Both meeting rooms have kitchen facilities and are equipped with chairs and a wall-mounted move screen. A wide assortment of audio-visual equipment is available upon request. Both meeting rooms have independent access and may be used at times when the library itself is not open.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

The functions of the Technical Services personnel although not immediately apparent to the average library user, play a large role in determining the final quality of library service.

Technical Services personnel are responsible for the acquisition of new material, maintenance of the current collection, cataloging, circulation control, record keeping, and related duties in the day to day operation of the library.

REFERENCE SERVICES

The Fountaindale Reference Librarians provide assistance to patrons in finding specific material or the answers to specific questions. Almost anything that anyone wants to know is available somewhere in print. The reference librarian has the necessary expertise to enable you to find the material you need or the answer to your question. In order to provide the reference service required it might be necessary to go beyond the Fountaindale collection to other libraries, to the Bur-Oak System, or even the State Library.

A simple question can be handled with a phone call to the Fountaindale Reference Department. A complex problem may require considerable time and study. Whatever the problem, the Fountaindale Reference Department is here to serve you.

"A library, to modify the famous metaphor of Socrates, should be the delivery room for the birth of ideas--a place where history comes to life."

NORMAN COUSINS

HISTORY OF FOUNTAINDALE

The history of the Fountaindale Public Library District is a story of the desire of its citizens for cultural improvement and the civic pride and spirit necessary to make that desire a reality.

A 1967 community attitude survey conducted by the Romeoville Jaycees revealed that 63% of those surveyed felt there was a need for a public library in their community. The Jaycees reacted by forming a Study Committee to investigate the possibilities of establishing a library and to develop an interest in the project among elected officials of the village.

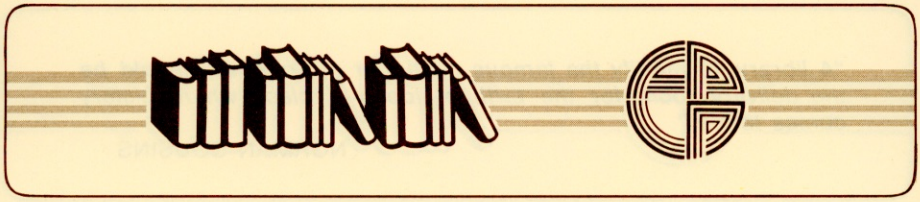
The Romeoville Village Board reacted to the Study Committee report by forming an Exploratory Committee and providing the financing to determine the best course of action to follow. Their final conclusion was to recommend the formation of a library district that would include Romeoville, Bolingbrook and the rural portions of DuPage Township. It was during this phase of the research that it was decided to maintain library facilities in both Bolingbrook and Romeoville.

In November, 1968, an Accomplishment Committee was appointed by the Romeoville Board. Their responsibilities were to secure petitions for the Circuit Court of Will County to authorize a voter referendum to establish a public library district and conduct the referendum. All three areas, Bolingbrook, Romeoville and Rural DuPage Township approved the referendum in December, 1969. In all, 56% of the voters were favorable.

During the accomplishment stage of planning, the Beacon Newspaper conducted a contest to name the library district. James Bingle submitted the winning entry, Fountaindale, the name of the first settlement in DuPage Township.

In January, 1970, the members of the Accomplishment Committee were named as the first Board of Trustees of the District. This included Eugene Ennis, John Frangella, Nancy Hunt, Arnold Vito Martinez, Earl Meisinger, Leo Osborne and Jeanne Wulfing.

This group secured temporary library space in the Park View School, hired a librarian and joined the Bur-Oak Library System. In a matter of three years, the wishes of the citizens were realized!



The first elected Library Board was seated in April, 1972. This included Leo Osborne and Don Kennedy of Romeoville, and Arky Aliano, Nancy Hunt, Betty Trax, Jo Lentz and Beth Crow of Bolingbrook.

Their immediate challenge was to develop the plans for erection of library facilities in each community. An architect was hired, plans drawn and property secured for the buildings.

The communities showed their continuing interest in having library facilities by approving a $2.9 million bond issue in a referendum in February 1973. Sixty-six percent of the voters were willing to pay higher taxes to get a library that would be accessible and would provide full library service.

Ground was broken for the twin structures in September, 1973 with completion in mid-1975. As far as can be determined, no library district has ever attempted to construct two major facilities at the same time.

This record accomplishment is a credit to the communities, their leaders and their citizens. Without their time, work, dedication and taxes it would not have happened. Fountaindale would still be an unfulfilled dream.

The fact that this booklet refers on the title page to this as "Your Library" is not an idle statement. It is your library. You have earned it; now, use it and enjoy it.

NOTE: A more detailed account of the development of the Fountaindale Public Library District is available in the Reference Department of the library.

FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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